

# Player Pathway

## Abby Warner

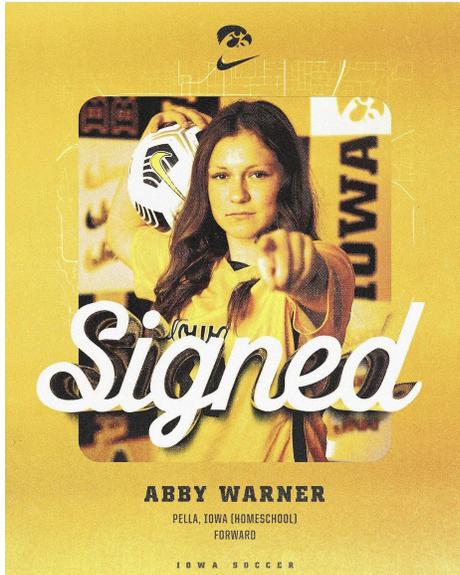
Starting out with a local club in Pella, Abby was fortunate to have dedicated volunteer coaches who ignited her love for soccer. Thriving on competition, she often played up an age group with her older sister, showcasing her talent and dedication from a young age. As her skills developed, Abby's passion for soccer guided her to the select levels within the Pella club.



The assimilation of Pella Soccer Club into Iowa Rush South opened doors to higher levels of competition and new pathways for growth. Abby competed at the select level with Iowa Rush South and was exposed to additional opportunities with Iowa Rush Central. As a guest player in Iowa Rush Central's select programs, Abby gained invaluable exposure to elite competition, setting the stage for her future success. When Iowa Rush and VSA Rush joined forces to create a nationally competitive team that would compete in the Girls Academy League, she was challenged to try out. Abby embraced the opportunity to elevate her game and raise her level of competition once again.

Abby is a current member of the 2005/06G VSA Rush team. Her final two years of club soccer have been the most transformative, as Abby thrived among competitive teammates and coaches at VSA Rush. Competing in the Girls Academy League further broadened Abby's exposure to collegiate-level soccer, solidifying her path to playing college soccer.





Abby's dedication and hard work paid off when she committed to play for the University of Iowa in January of 2023, a testament to her journey from a local club player to a college-bound athlete. Additionally, Abby's exceptional talent was recognized with selection to the Girls Academy Mid-American Talent ID during her time with VSA Rush, further highlighting her achievements on the field. On top of that, Abby accomplished three-time first team all-state, all-conference, and all-district recognition while playing for Pella High School. She earned state all-tournament team honors as a junior and surpassed 100 career goals during that same year, ultimately contributing to Pella High School's third-place finish in the Iowa Class 2A state tournament in 2023.

Her story serves as an inspiration to young athletes everywhere, emphasizing the importance of passion, perseverance, and the opportunities provided by top-tier soccer clubs like Iowa Rush and VSA Rush in shaping the next generation of soccer stars.

As Abby's soccer pathway continues to unfold, she remains grateful for the support and guidance of her coaches, teammates, and the entire soccer community that has played a significant role in shaping her journey. With her commitment and determination, Abby is poised to leave a lasting impact on the field and beyond. We look forward to watching her continued success.

